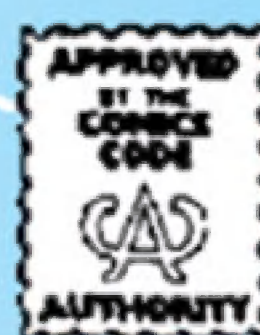


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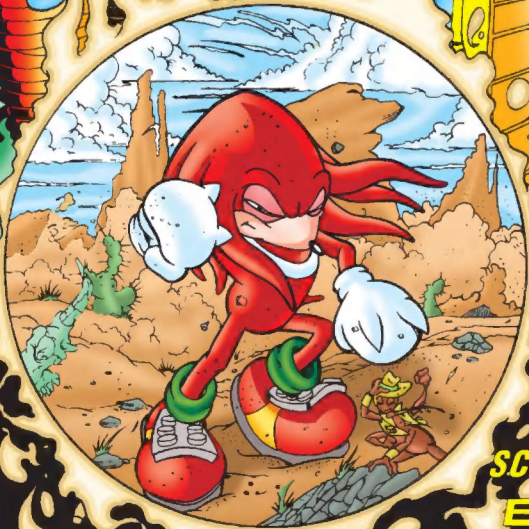
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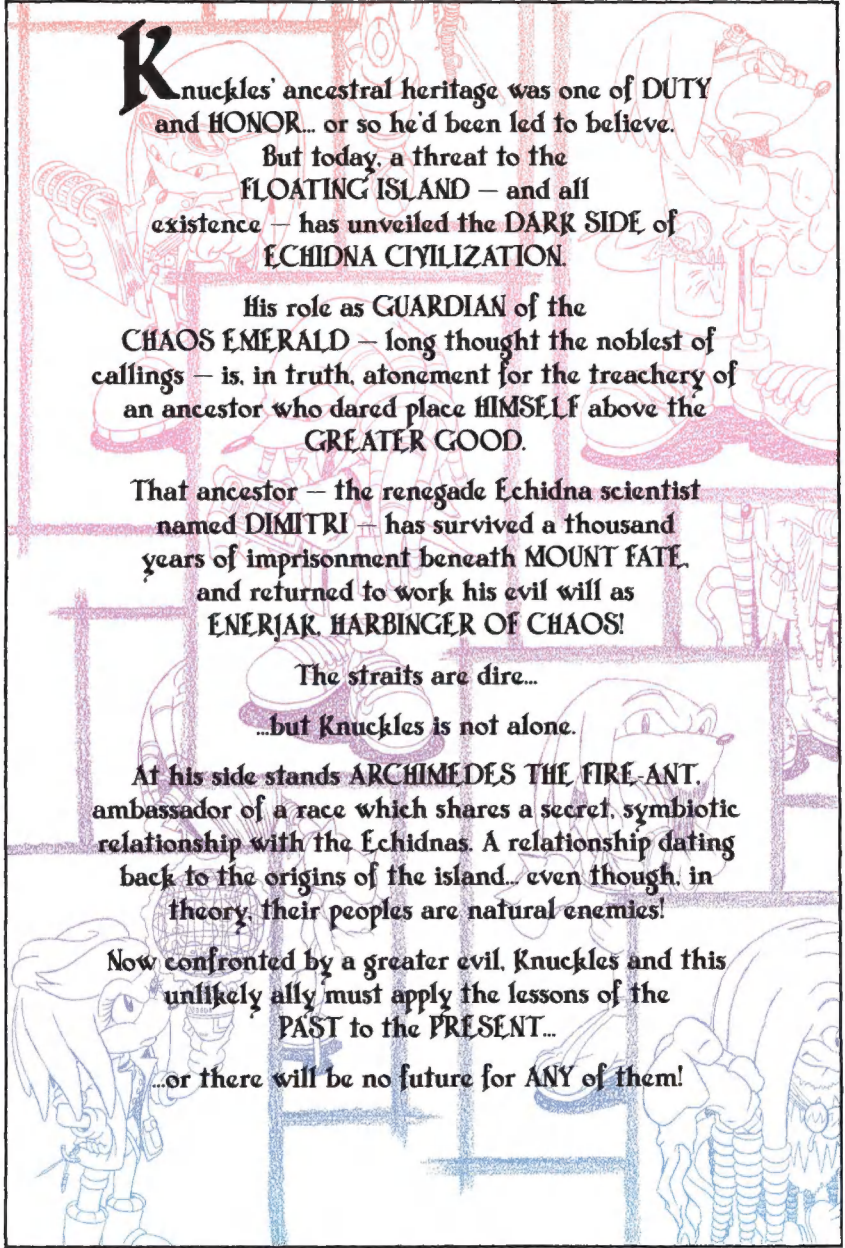
**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG--WITH GREAT  
RELUCTANCE--PRESENTS HIS FRIENDLY  
NEMESIS**

# **KNUCKLES™**

**...AND THE ECHIDNA'S RELUCTANT  
TRAVELLING COMPANION, ARCHIMEDES...**



**...AS THEY  
CONFRONT  
A MENACE  
FROM THE  
FLOATING  
ISLAND'S  
PAST--THE  
RENEGADE  
SCIENTIST CALLED  
ENERJAK!**

A faint, stylized background illustration in red and blue ink. It depicts Knuckles on the left, looking towards the right. On the right is a large, muscular Echidna, likely Dr. Finitevus, wearing a crown and holding a scepter. The scene is set within a grid-like frame.

**K**nuckles' ancestral heritage was one of DUTY and HONOR... or so he'd been led to believe.

But today, a threat to the FLOATING ISLAND – and all existence – has unveiled the DARK SIDE of ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION.

His role as GUARDIAN of the CHAOS EMERALD – long thought the noblest of callings – is, in truth, atonement for the treachery of an ancestor who dared place HIMSELF above the GREATER GOOD.

That ancestor – the renegade Echidna scientist named DIMITRI – has survived a thousand years of imprisonment beneath MOUNT FATE, and returned to work his evil will as ENERJAK, HARBINGER OF CHAOS!

The straits are dire...

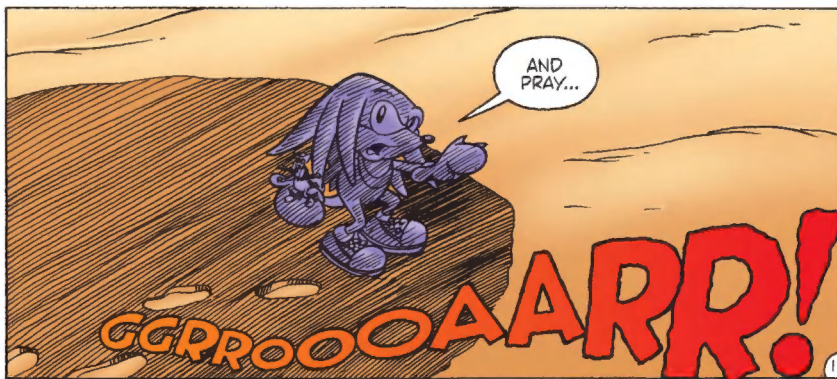
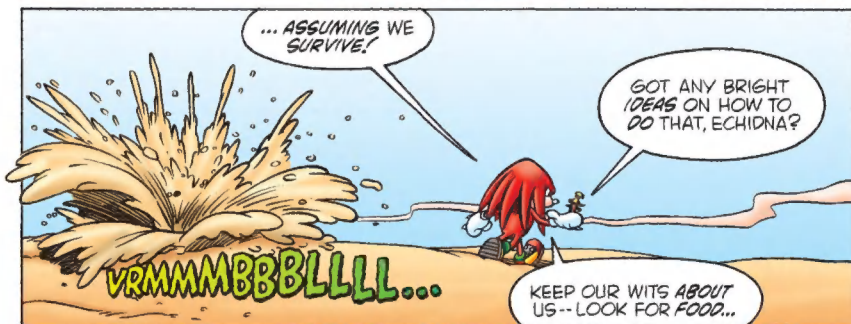
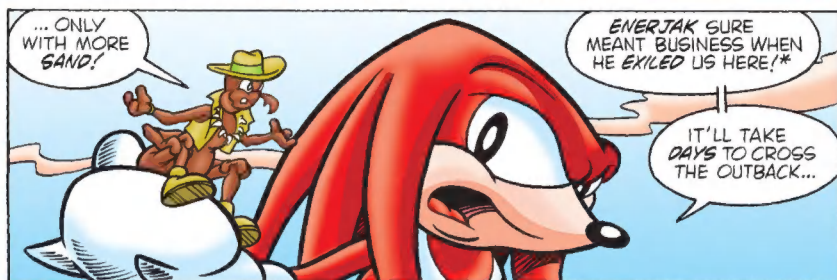
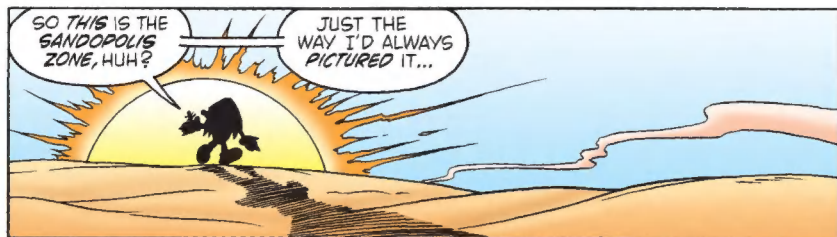
...but Knuckles is not alone.

At his side stands ARCHIMEDES THE FIRE-ANT, ambassador of a race which shares a secret, symbiotic relationship with the Echidnas. A relationship dating back to the origins of the island... even though, in theory, their peoples are natural enemies!

Now confronted by a greater evil, Knuckles and this unlikely ally must apply the lessons of the PAST to the PRESENT...

...or there will be no future for ANY of them!





SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS  
**KNUCKLES**

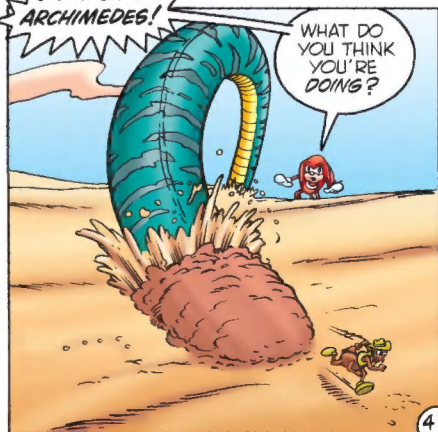
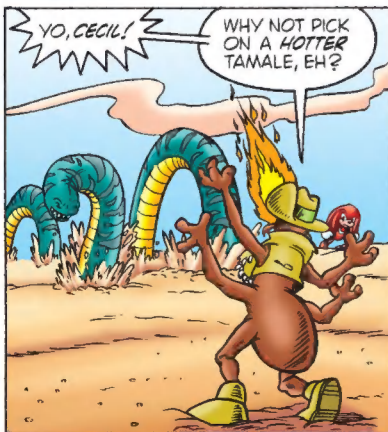
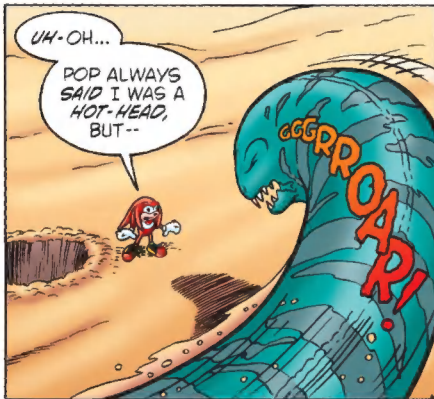
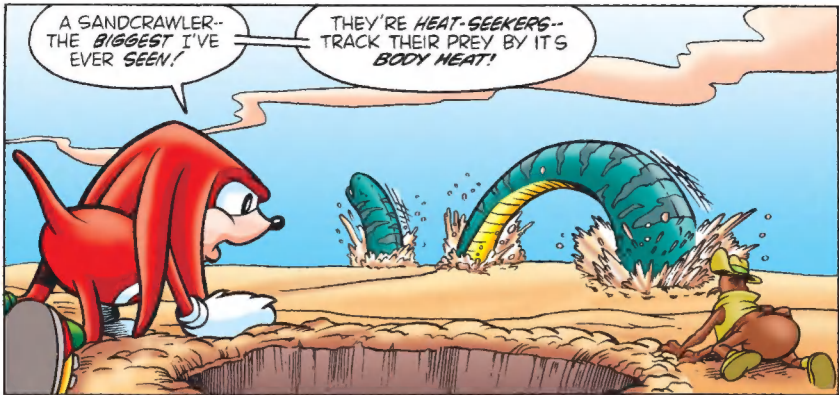
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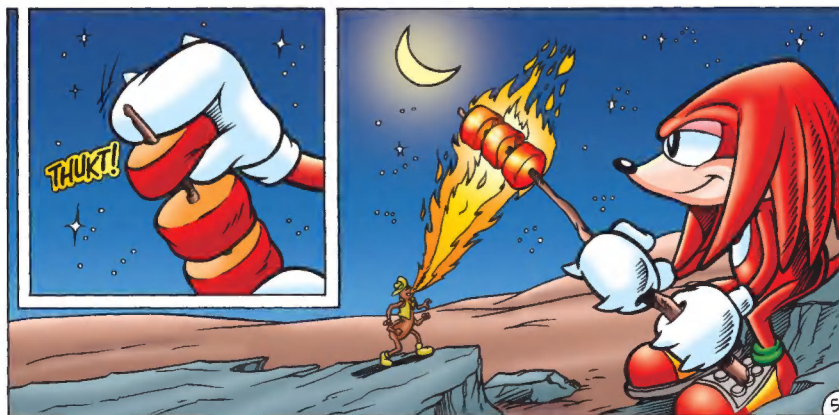
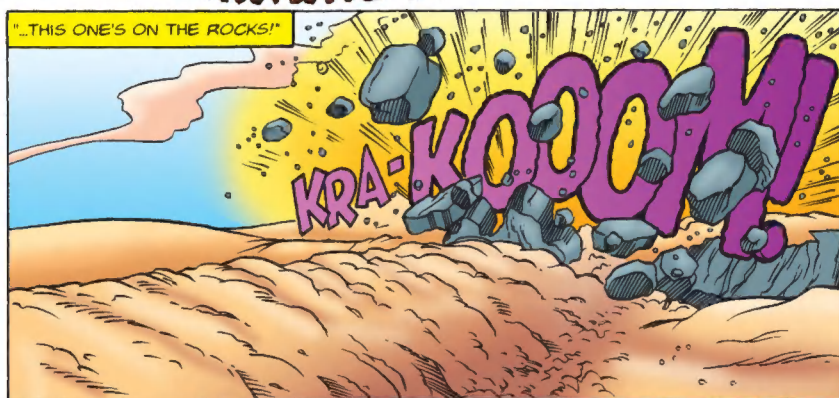
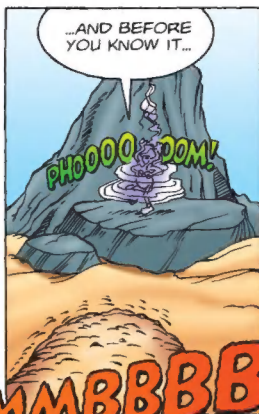
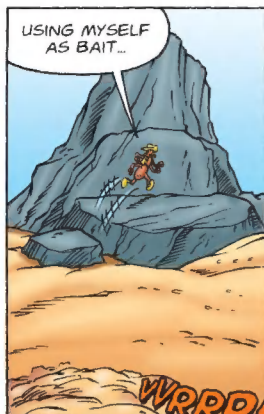
PART TWO

...IT DOESN'T  
FIND US FIRST!

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ARCHIMEDES?

BACK AT THE *GRAND CONSERVATORY*, YOU SAID YOUR PEOPLE HAD PULLED ECHIDNA FAT OUT OF THE FIRE GOING AS FAR BACK AS THE *ORIGIN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!*

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?

GOOD QUESTION, GUARDIAN! YOU'RE NOT AS HOPELESS AS I'D THOUGHT. IF YOU'VE LEARNED ANYTHING...

...IT'S BETTER TO LISTEN THAN TO SPEAK!

"ECHIDNA LEGENDS TELL OF A TIME WHEN OUR ISLAND WAS LAND BOUND-- AND IMPERILED BY A GREAT WHITE COMET!"

"IN RESPONSE TO THE THREAT, YOUR ECHIDNA ANCESTORS HAD CONCOCTED A DARING PLAN TO SAVE THEIR CITY!"

"HOW DO I KNOW?"  
"BECAUSE MY PEOPLE WERE THERE!"

"... AND DUMPED THEM..."

"THEY GATHERED CHAOS EMERALDS..."

"... INTO THE CRYSTALLINE CAVERNS BENEATH THEIR CITY!"



"THE PLAN WAS TO  
FOCUS THE GEM'S ENERGIES  
THROUGH THIS 'CHAOS CHAMBER'...  
NEGATE THE FORCE OF GRAVITY..."



PATH OF  
ESCAPE



FLIGHT PATH  
OF COMET

"... AND PHYSICALLY UPLIFT ECHIDNAOPOLIS  
OUT OF HARM'S WAY."

"AN INSPIRING PLAN--ONE WHICH MIGHT NEVER HAVE WORKED..."

"... IF WE FIRE ANTS  
HADN'T PERFORMED  
THE GROUND-BREAK-  
ING CEREMONY! \*

"MY ANCESTORS GRANTED OUR ISLAND THE FREEDOM OF THE  
SKIES... A FREEDOM IT ENJOYS TO THIS VERY DAY!"

\* SEE "A SENSE OF HISTORY"  
IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 9  
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE US!

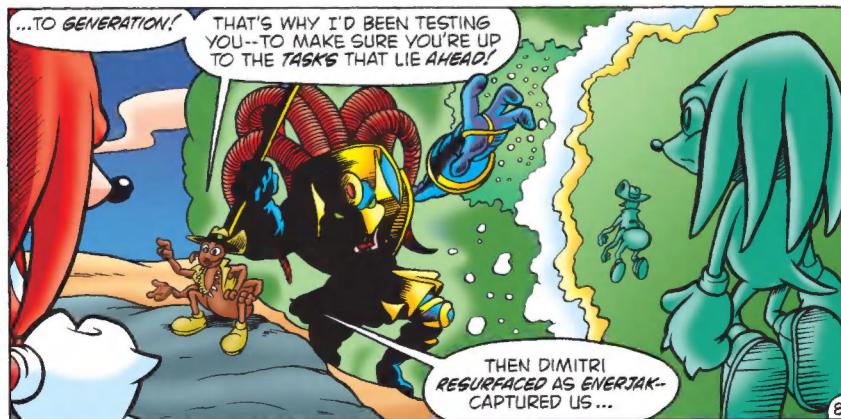
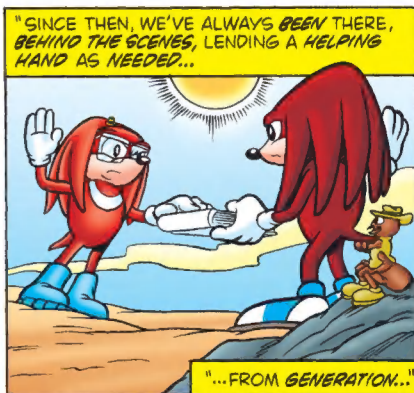
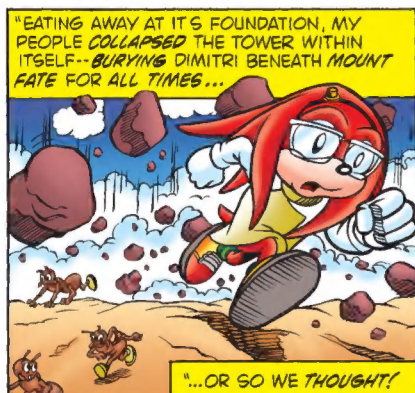
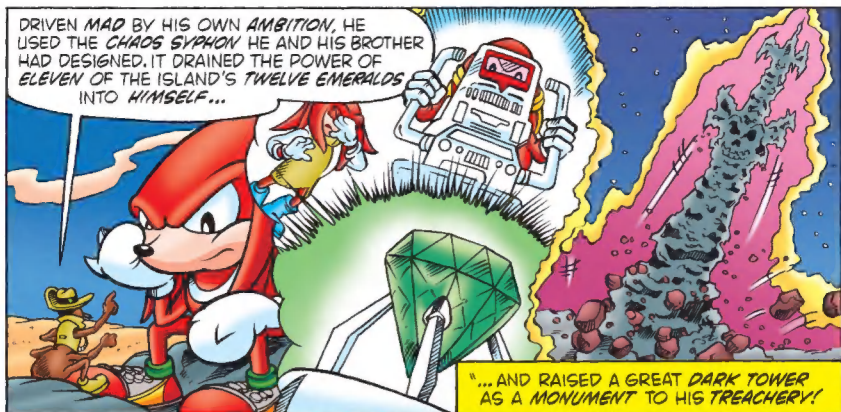
"NOT THE FIRST TIME WE'D SAVED ECHIDNA BACON..."

"...OR THE LAST." DECADES LATER, TECHNOLOGISTS  
EDMUND AND DIMITRI DEvised A METHOD TO RETURN  
THIS ISLAND TO THE GROUND!

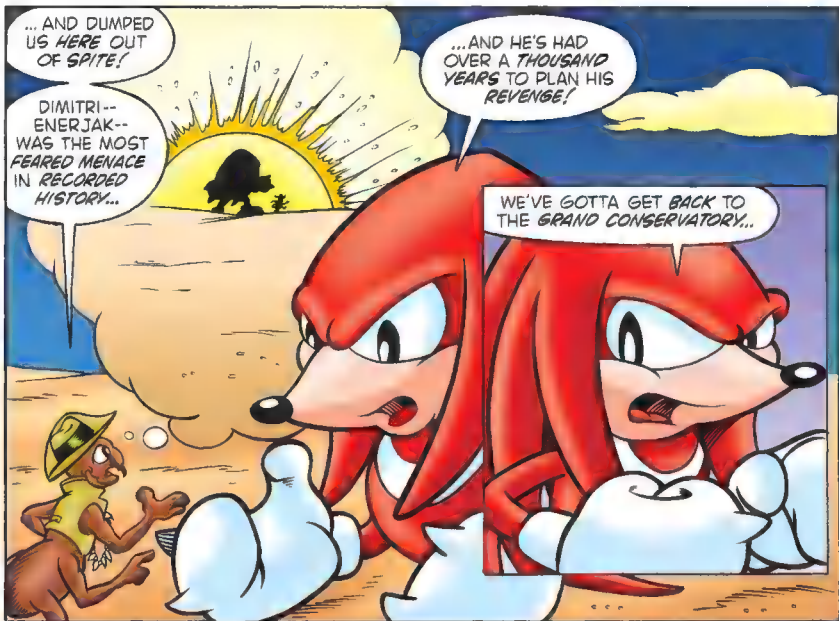
"THE SCIENTIFIC ELITE THOUGHT IT  
TOO DANGEROUS TO TRY..."

...BUT THAT ONLY  
SERVED TO GOAD THE  
POWER HUNGRY AND UNSTABLE  
DIMITRI FURTHER!

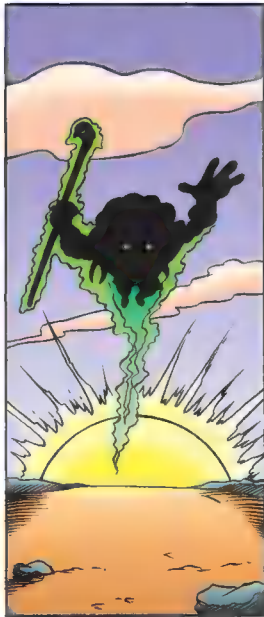




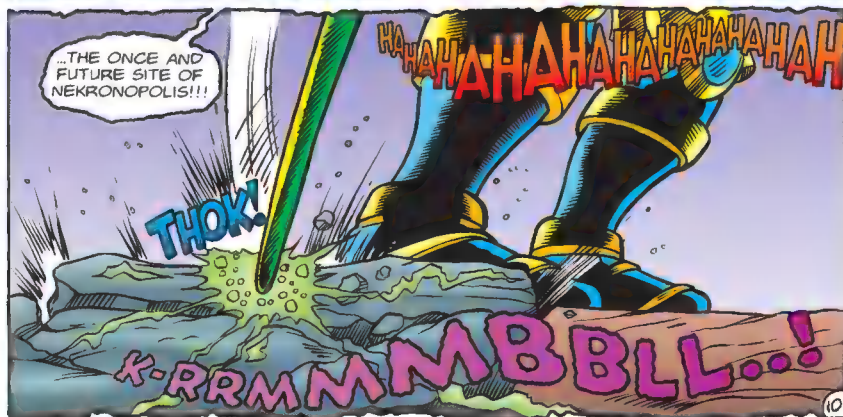




"...BEFORE HE SETS THOSE  
PLANS IN MOTION!"

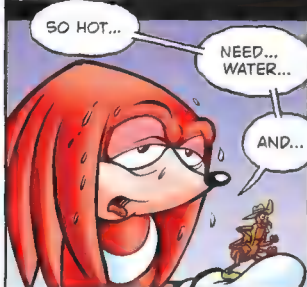






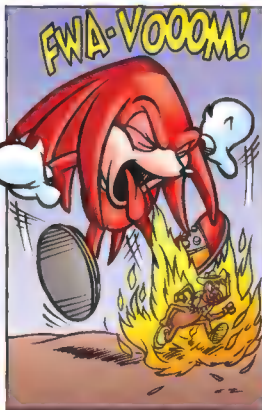


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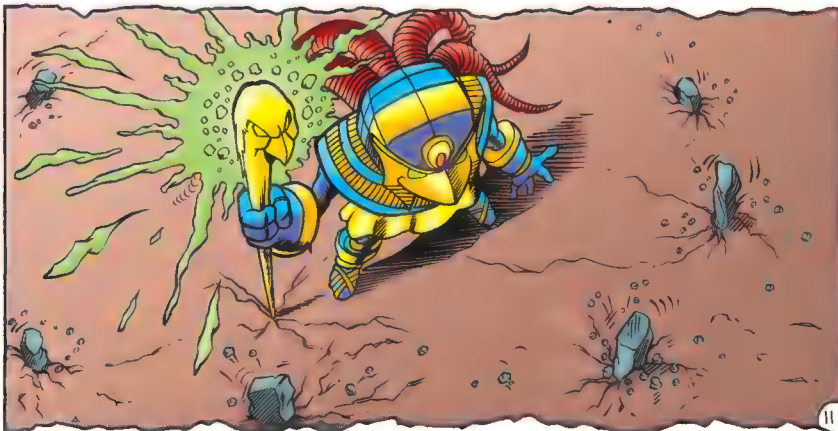
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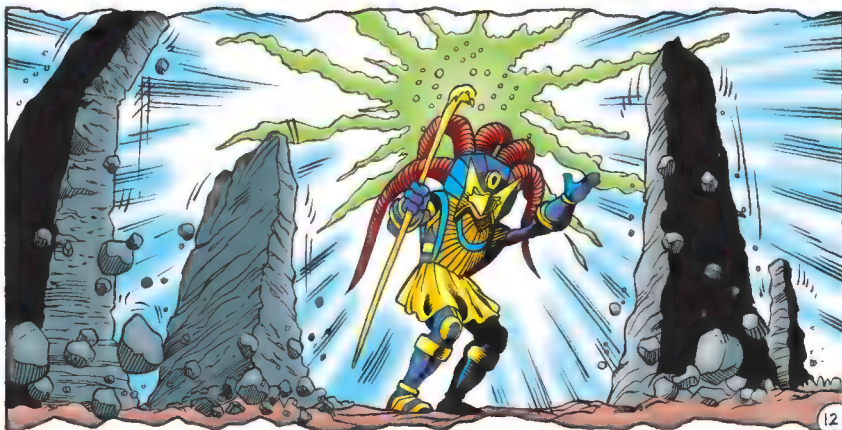
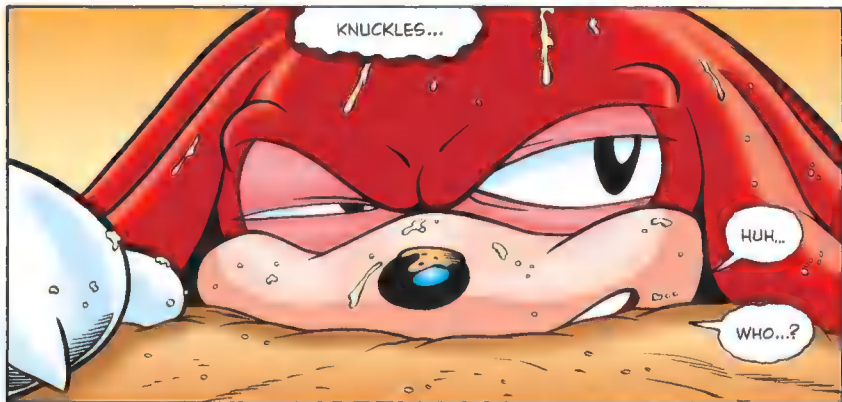
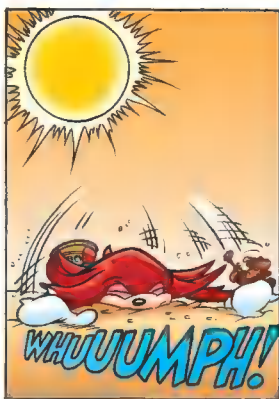
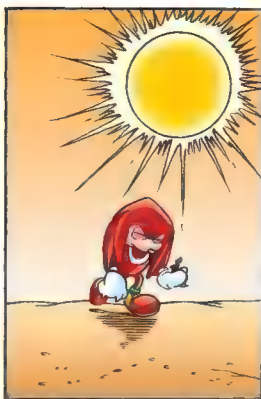
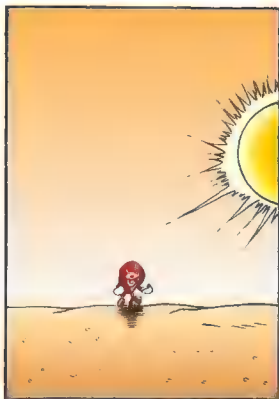


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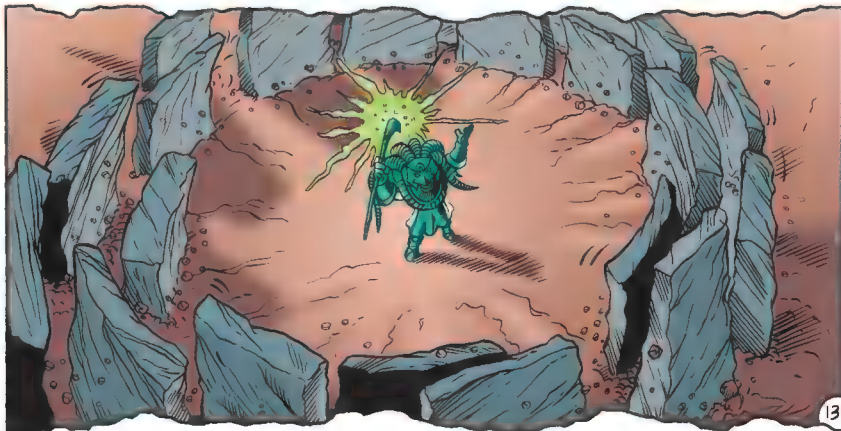
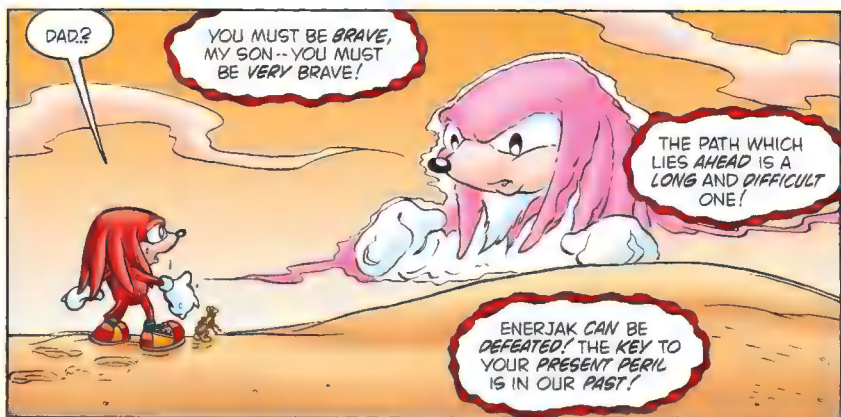
...DO THAT  
AGAIN!



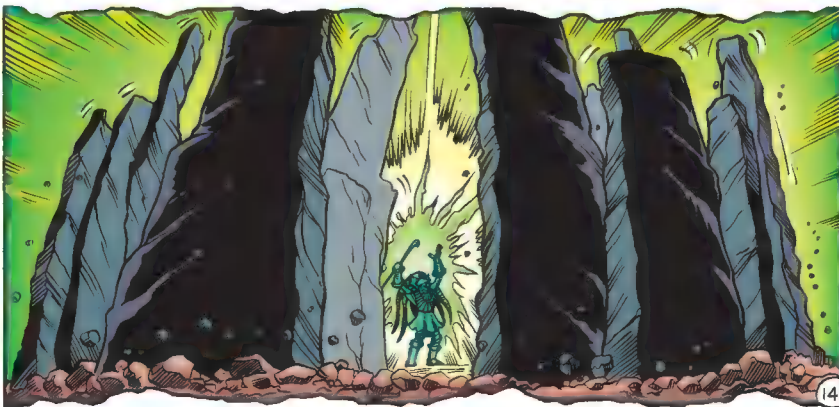
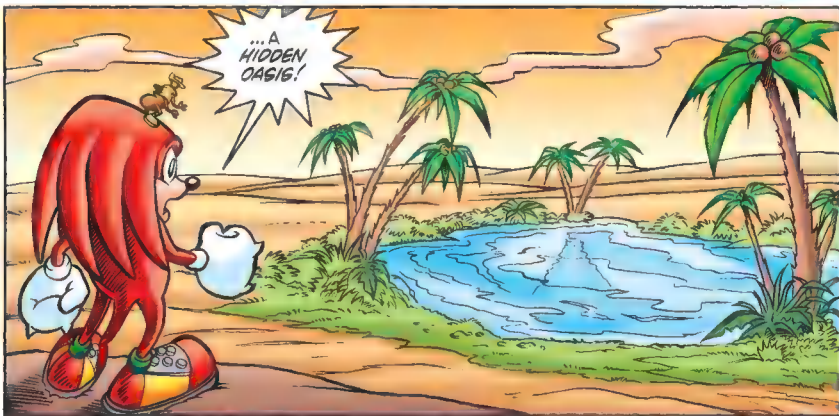
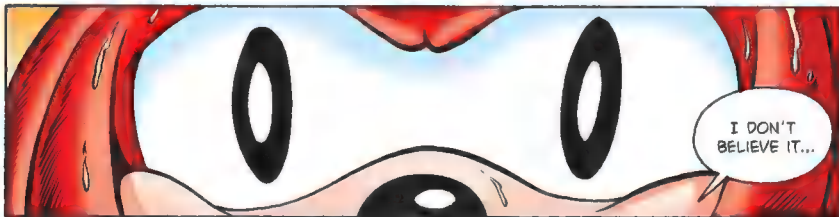
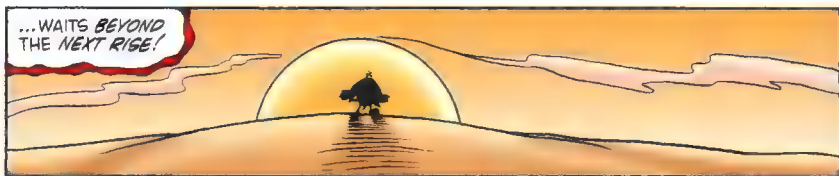






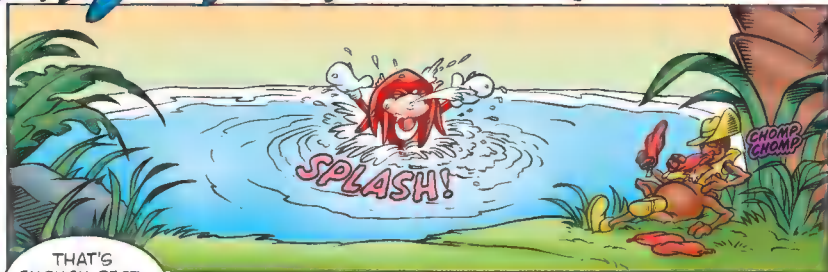






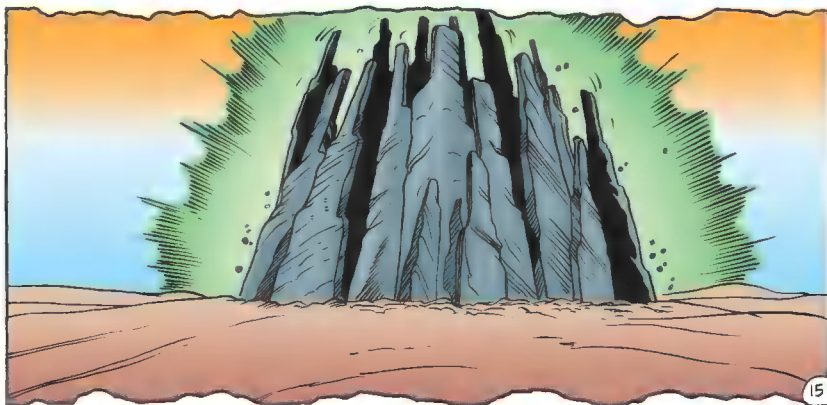
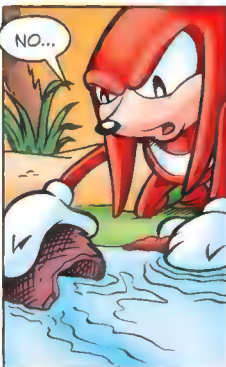


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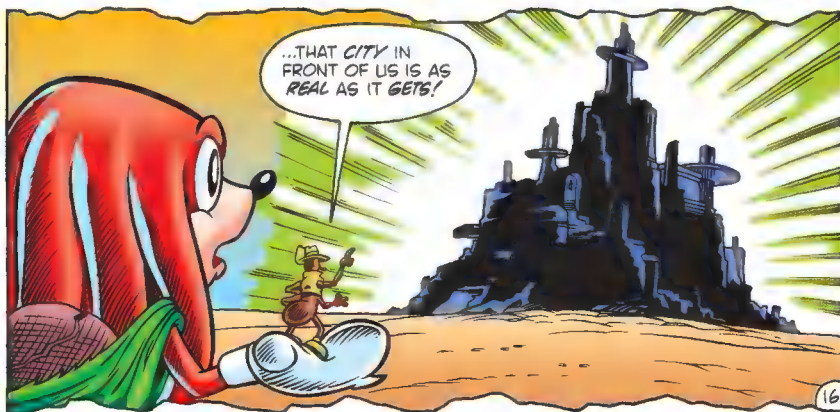
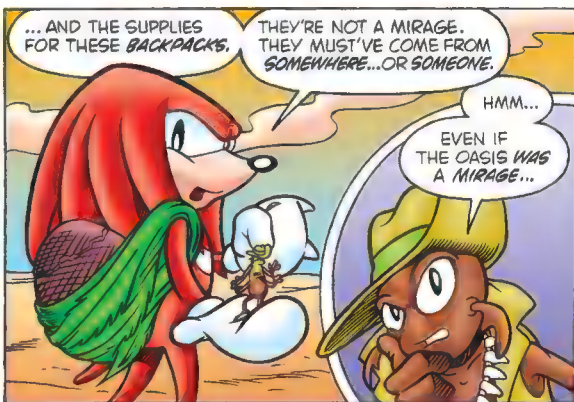
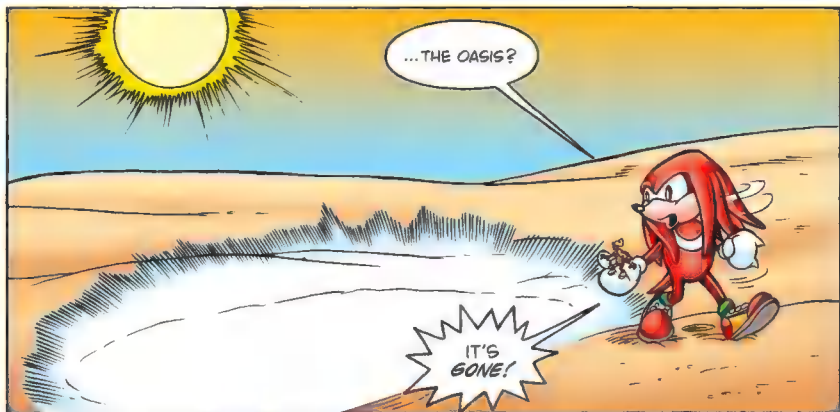


THAT'S  
ENOUGH REST  
AND RECREATION  
FOR ONE DAY,  
GUARDIAN!

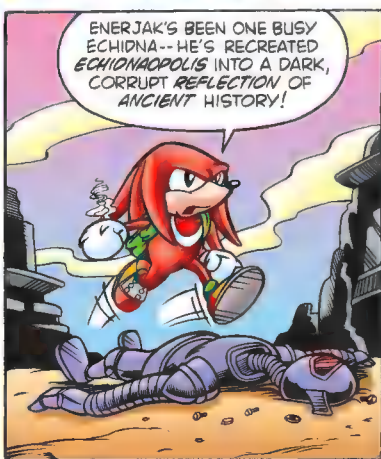
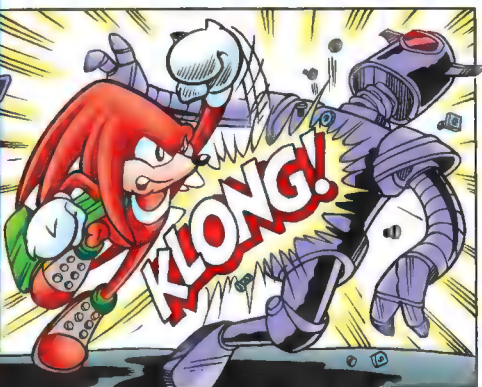
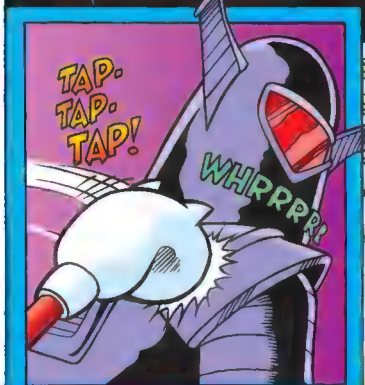
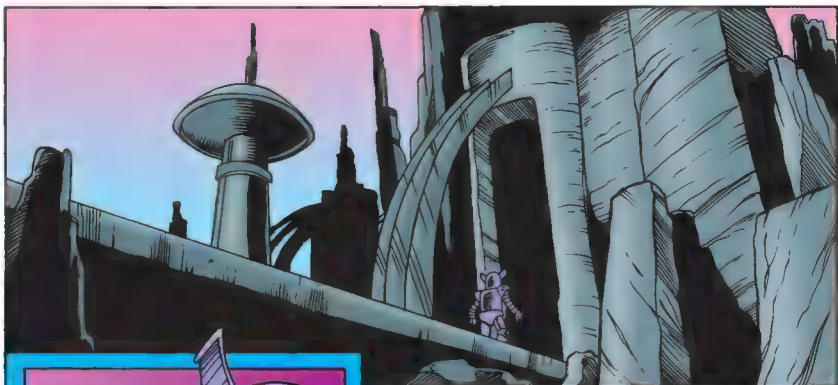
WE WERE  
LUCKY TO FIND  
THIS PLACE!











ENERJAK'S BEEN ONE BUSY ECHIDNA-- HE'S RECREATED ECHIDNAOPOLIS INTO A DARK, CORRUPT REFLECTION OF ANCIENT HISTORY!



IT'S LIKE ONE BIG MAZE-- ANY IDEA WHERE TO LOOK FOR HIM?

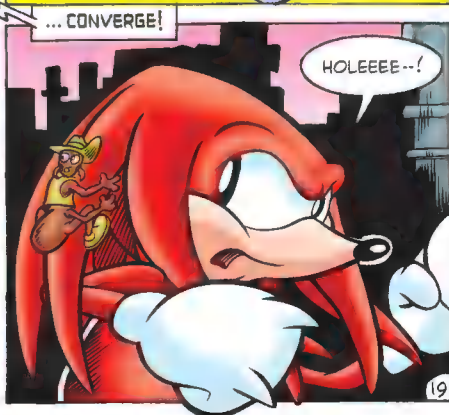
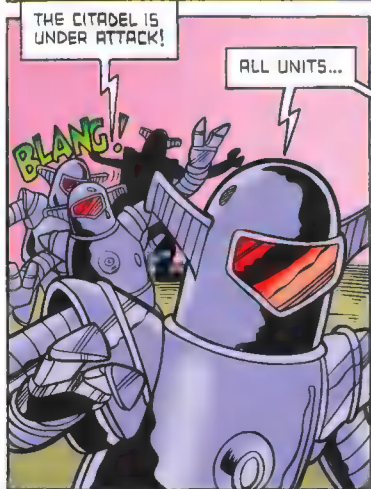
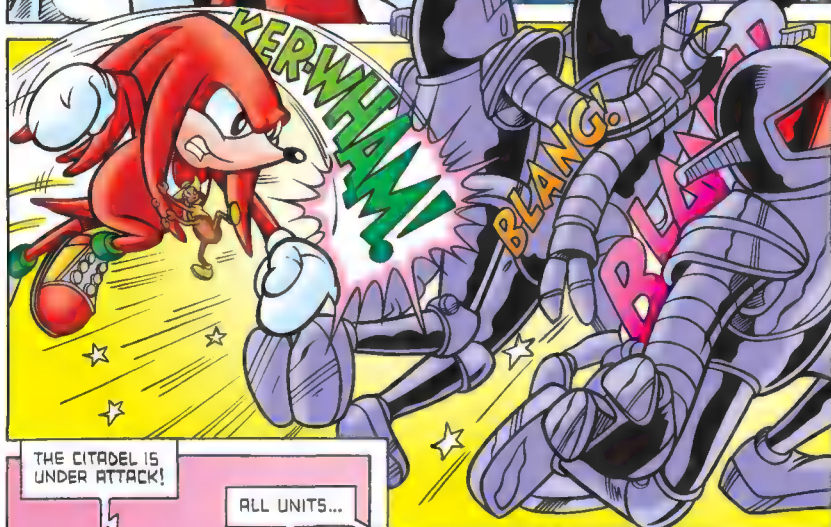
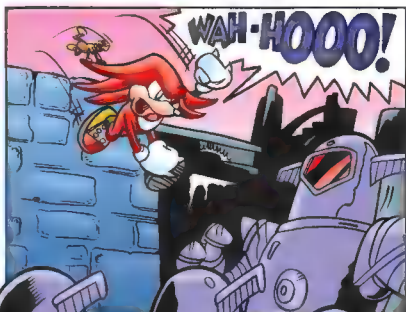
WELL...

IF DIMITRI'S RUNNING TRUE TO FORM, HE'S PROBABLY HOLED UP IN HIS NEW HOME, A.K.A...

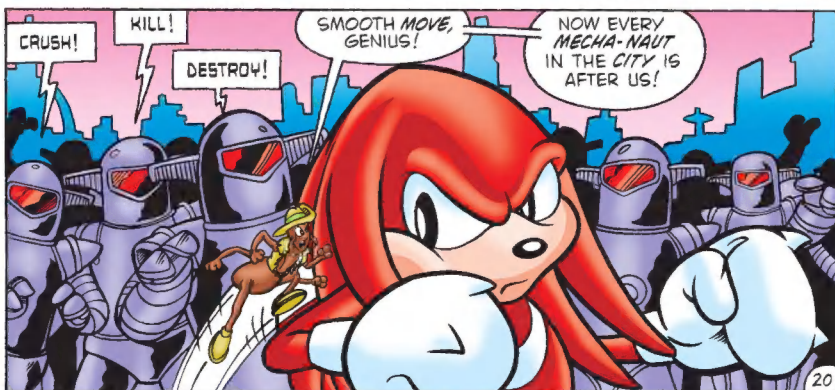
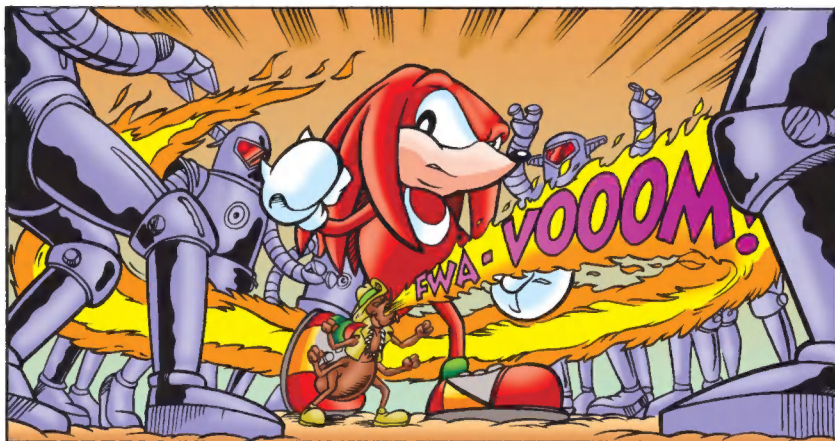
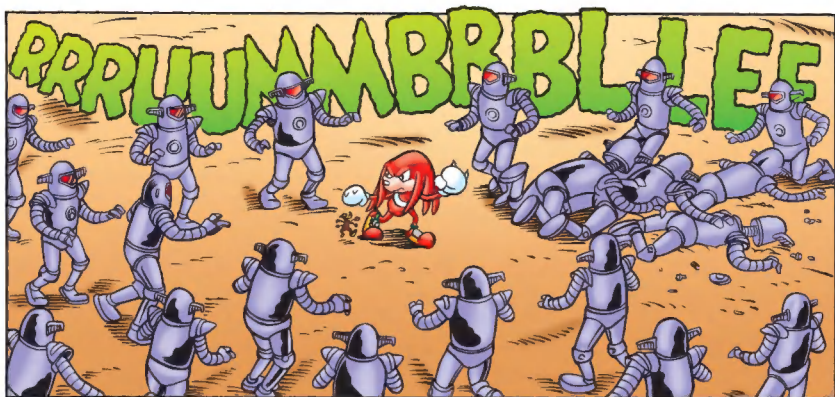




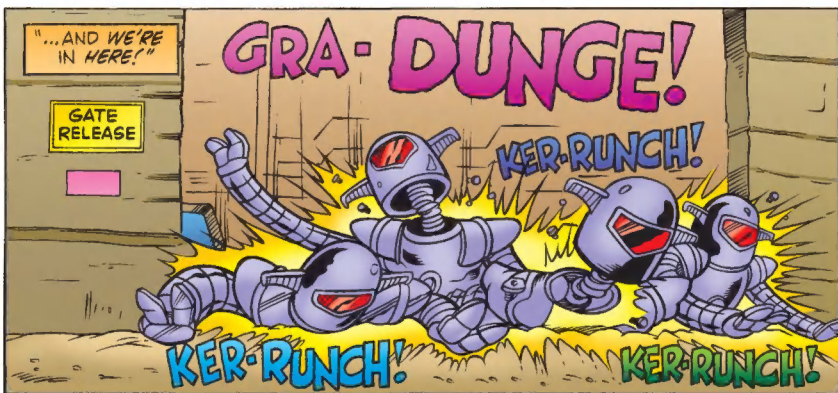
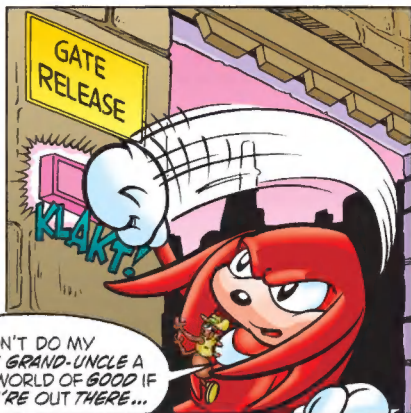
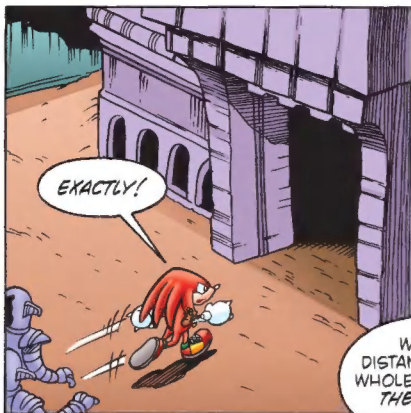




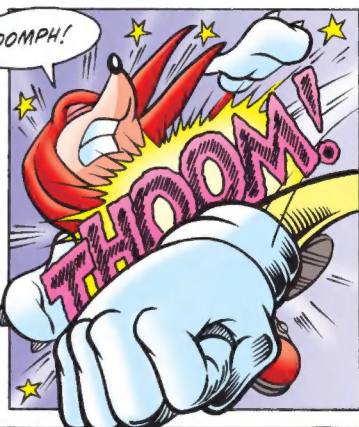
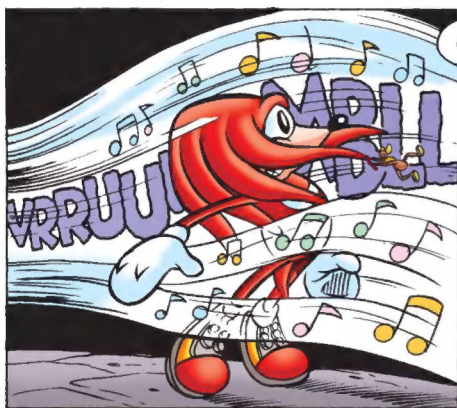
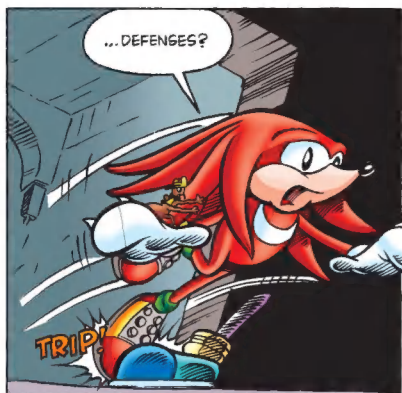










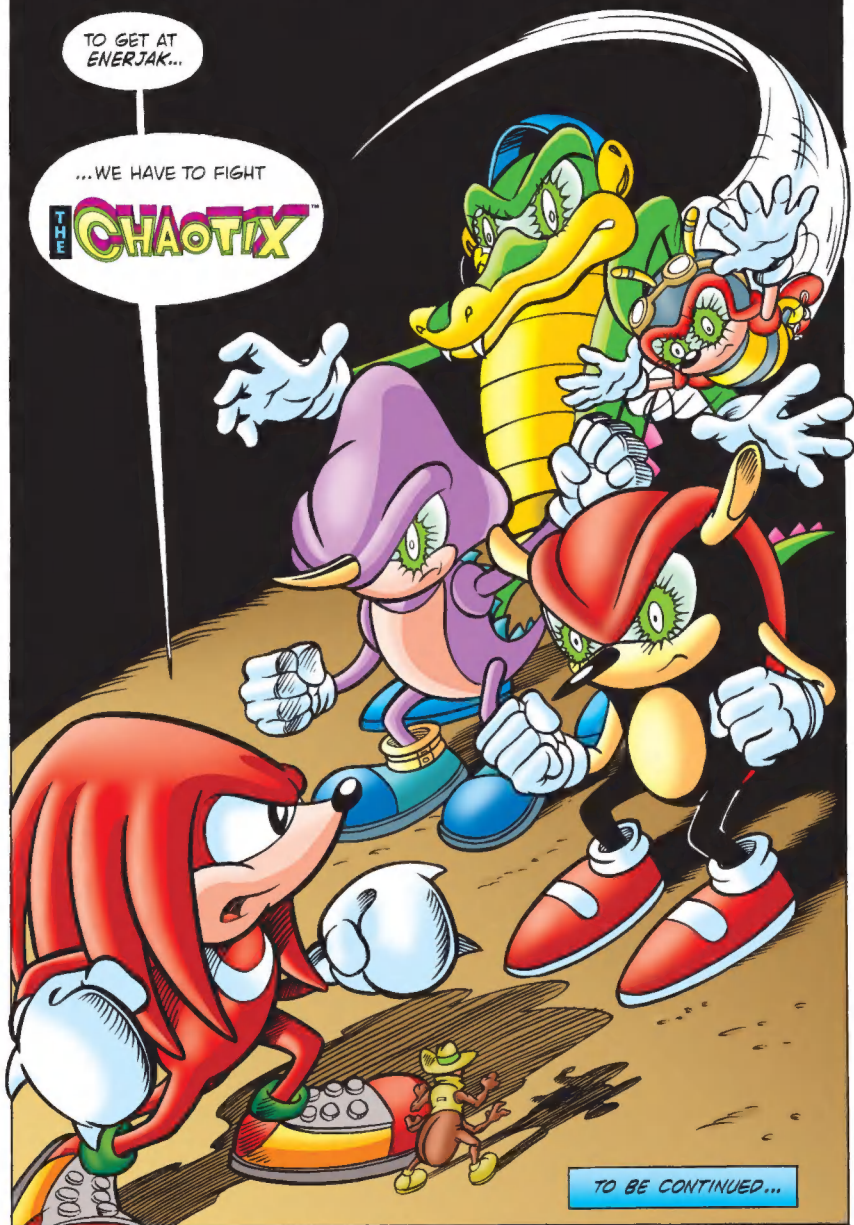




TO GET AT  
ENERJAK...

...WE HAVE TO FIGHT

THE **CHAOTIX**



TO BE CONTINUED...